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TOPIC Finow Airfield

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25X1X [REDACTED] 1. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at Finow airfield between 25 May and 10 July 1953:

25 May: MiG-15s practiced flying at daytime.

26 May. During the morning, there was intensive air activity by swept-back jet fighters which flew individually and in formations of twos and fours.

2 June. At about 10 p.m., there was night flying by swept-back jet fighters, including one towing a sleeve target. The other MiG-15s fired at the sleeve target which was illuminated by a searchlight. The MiG-15s sometimes crossed the beams of the searchlight.

17 to 26 June. No regular training activity was observed at the field. A few individual flights were made by MiG-15s.

29 June. After 9:30 p.m., firing at sleeve targets with tracer ammunition was practiced, while the searchlight was in operation.

6 July. MiG-15s practiced diving over the field.

7 July. There were approximately 52 MiG-15 and U-MiG-15s and 8 Yak-11s stationed at the field. Forty-two of the MiG-15s and U-MiG-15s were counted.

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3. On 27 May, there was intensive air activity by swept-back jet planes which took off and landed at Finow airfield. Just next to the Finow rolling mill, was another airfield from which conventional aircraft took off. 2

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1. Comment. Finow airfield is occupied by a fighter division headquarters and two fighter regiments. Noteworthy is the information that MiG-15s practiced firing at sleeve targets at night while searchlights were in operation. The same exercise was also held by the fighter regiment at Alt Loennewitz airfield.

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2. Comment. This is a small airfield north of Finow which is probably occupied by courier planes of a Soviet Army headquarters.

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